

for a discharge from your society, but the one I named to them. It is true a number of things occurred - particularly the political turn of things - in your Committee, with which I was not pleased. I expect there will be such in every association with which I may be connected. But none of these would have induced me for a moment to leave the State. One reason why my wife objected to my coming hither was, the uncertainty of obtaining a compensation. Either I am entirely devoid in relation to myself, or it was solely from a sense of duty to the Anti-slavery cause, that I came to labor in N. H.

I wish you would say nothing to Mrs. Root, that I have denied the statement made by her husband, but got her to state whom & where I made it, and how I came to do it. Be assured that I thank you most sincerely for the Christian course you have taken in relation to it; and if you will adopt the course I recommend you may easily be satisfied, if you are not now.

Things go finely with us here -

Yours as ever,

A. St. Clair -

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Dear Brother;

On my arrival to day from New York I find a note from you bearing date of the 5th inst. containing the following singular statement: "Mr Root informs me, that you recently told his wife, that you left this state, because no funds could be obtained here, and that you must leave it, or not be an agent. Have you ever said any such thing?" To which I reply no-

I must have been a fool as well as liar to make such a statement. For it is well known to all who have a knowledge of the fact, that the procuring of funds is not more easy or difficult or precarious in Mass as in this state. And on the field assigned me by the Ex. Committee of your Soc. you will know that it would have been a very easy task to raise once & a half, if not twice my salary. Moreover, I have no recollection of seeing Mrs. Root since I had any expectation of coming to this state. I have not been in the County of Rockingham, - and if I have spoken with her, for the last four months, it has wholly escaped my memory.

By my journal, I can show where I have been every week since I have been lecturing. I wish you would write Mrs. R. and learn where and when she obtained the foundation of the statement she has made. I will then be able to satisfy you, if this does not.

I am conscious of no motive which induced me to ask,